

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 24, 2007. Claims 1-27 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-27 were rejected. Claims 1-27 remain pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

SPECIFICATION OBJECTIONS

In the final Office Action (page 8), the examiner appears to have inadvertently duplicated the specification objection from the previous office action pertaining to the "related applications" paragraph as Applicant provided the requested information in the response filed June 27, 2007. However, the examiner appears to maintain the objection to the title of the Application as not being descriptive. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The claims of the present Application are directed toward a system and method for accessing, transmitting and receiving audio/video (A/V) program data using various components (e.g., a source component, a sink component, a presentation device, etc.). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the title "Audio/Video Component Networking System and Method" is descriptive of the subject matter of the present Application in full compliance with M.P.E.P. § 606 and 37 C.F.R § 1.72 as the present title is brief, technically accurate and descriptive.

The Examiner appears to object to the title because the same title is used on different related applications (each of which also relate to an audio/video component networking system and method). In this regard, the Examiner appears to require that the title for each application be different so that the inventive concept of each application is distinguishable from another. Surely, the Examiner is not suggesting that every patent application filed with the Office contains a different title that distinguishes the inventive concept for every application. To the contrary, the title need only be technically accurate and descriptive. Further, referring to M.P.E.P. 608.01(a) (referencing form paragraph "6.02 Content of the Specification"), the title should preferably be between two and seven words. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner asks, "[H]ow is the inventive concept of the instant application distinguishable from those of [the other related applications]." Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to the corresponding abstracts, at the very least, and also to M.P.E.P. § 608.01(b) (and 37 C.F.R. § 1.72) which

recites that the abstract is to "enable the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and gist of the technical disclosure." Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that abstract of the disclosure contains the distinguishing information sought by the Examiner, and that the title of the instant application fully complies with M.P.E.P. § 606 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.72.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the specification objection be withdrawn.

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0056118 issued to *Hunter* (hereinafter "*Hunter*"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Of the rejected claims, Claims 1, 13 and 23 are independent. Applicant respectfully submits that *Hunter* does not disclose or even suggest each and every limitation of independent Claims 1, 13 and 23. *Hunter* appears to disclose a video and music distribution system where audio and video content is delivered by blanket transmission to households utilizing a direct broadcast satellite transmission and corresponding receiving antenna dishes 24. (*Hunter*, paragraph 0051, figure 1). *Hunter* also appears to disclose that consumer user stations 228 receive the downlink transmissions of audio and video content via the home user's satellite dish 24. (*Hunter*, paragraph 0128, figure 11). *Hunter* also appears to indicate that the audio and video content is received by a download module 220 of the user station 228 where it is stored digitally in a storage module 230, which *Hunter* describes as "a large hard disk drive having a storage capacity of 20 gigabytes, or more." (*Hunter*, paragraph 0128, figure 11).

Claim 1 recites "a sink component disposed remote from the storage system and communicatively disposed between the storage system and a presentation device . . . [and] adapted to receive A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components and transmit the A/V program data to the presentation device." In the Office Action, the Examiner appears to refer to either reference number 228 or 610 of *Hunter* as corresponding to the "sink component" recited by Claim 1 (final Office Action, page 9), and the Examiner refers to the storage module 230 (which is part of the user station 228) of *Hunter* as the "centralized storage system" recited by Claim 1 (final Office Action, page 9). Therefore, the user station

228/storage module 230 of *Hunter* cannot be construed to be both the "centralized storage system" and the "sink component" disposed remote from the centralized storage system recited by Claim 1.

Further, neither the user station 228 nor the "'companion' set-top box 610" of *Hunter* is adapted to "enable a user to select an A/V menu interface associated with at least one of the plurality of source components" and "control streaming of the selected A/V menu interface from the corresponding source component to the presentation device" as recited by Claim 1. (emphasis added). For example, the user station 228 of *Hunter* appears to contain a viewer interface/interactive program guide that enables a user to determine what movies have been recorded onto the user station 228 and/or what movies may be available to view. (*Hunter*, paragraphs 0074-0076). However, *Hunter* does not appear to disclose or even suggest that the user station 228 of *Hunter* enables a user to select an A/V menu interface associated with at least one of a plurality of source components and control streaming of the selected A/V menu interface of the selected source component as recited by Claim 1. Further, the companion box 610 of *Hunter* appears to receive content from either the user station 228 or directly from a satellite dish and is configured to display menus and choices to a customer to facilitate selection of material to be recorded or displayed. (*Hunter*, paragraphs 0150 and 0151). However, *Hunter* does not appear to disclose or even suggest that the companion box 610 of *Hunter* enables a user to select an A/V menu interface associated with at least one of a plurality of source components and control streaming of the selected A/V menu interface of the selected source component as recited by Claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that *Hunter* does not anticipate Claim 1.

Independent Claim 13 recites "remotely accessing, via a sink component, a centralized storage system having a plurality of source components" and "receiving, via the sink component, a user selection of at least one of the plurality of source components for displaying an A/V menu interface associated with the selected source component on the presentation device, the sink component controlling streaming of the selected A/V menu interface from the corresponding source component to the presentation device" (emphasis added). Independent Claim 23 recites "means for remotely accessing, via a sink component, a centralized storage system adapted to communicatively receive a plurality of source components" and "means, via the sink component, for receiving a user selection of at least one of the plurality of source

components for displaying an A/V menu interface associated with the selected source component on the presentation device" and "controlling streaming of the selected A/V menu interface from the corresponding source component to the presentation device" (emphasis added). At least for the reasons discussed above in connection with independent Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that *Hunter* also does not anticipate Claims 13 and 23.

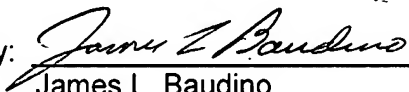
Claims 2-12, 14-22 and 24-27 that depend respectively from independent Claims 1, 13 and 23 are also not anticipated by *Hunter* at least because they incorporate the limitations of respective Claims 1, 13 and 23 and also add additional elements that further distinguish *Hunter*. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-27 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

An RCE filing fee of \$810.00 is believed due. The Director of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company the amount of \$810.00 to satisfy the RCE filing fee. If, however, Applicant has miscalculated the fee due with this RCE, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this RCE to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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